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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Jean V. "Tootsie" Hunt-Christ of Union, who passed away on April 5, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Hunt-Christ was born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on December 13, 1946 to Robert and Joan (nee Codman) Kleimenhagen; she graduated from Craig High School in 1965 and lived in Janesville for several years before moving to Rockford; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Hunt-Christ worked in in-home party sales for Fay Swafford Luggage and Purses and Living Home Hydroponic Plants, exhibiting her items at the local fairs and festivals; she met her companion and best friend, Karl Christ, and together they expanded their business to food concessions, first with Jean's Fine Food in 1982 and also with Horizon Food Service, owning and operating all the food concessions for all of the Northern Illinois University athletic events from 1994 to 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Jean Hunt-Christ was a member of the Union Lioness Club and the Hampshire Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 8043; she loved to spend warm sunny days on the deck at the farm, playing Bingo, traveling to Las Vegas, shopping, going to

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1 auctions, and collecting and showing antiques at the county
2 fairs; she was a fabulous cook and baker, always making her
3 famous Christmas cookies to share with family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Jean Hunt-Christ was preceded in death by her
5 father, Robert Kleimenhagen; her mother, Joan (Bill) Lund; and
6 her special daughter, Stacy Parker; and

7 WHEREAS, Jean Hunt-Christ is survived by her companion of
8 34 years, Karl Christ; her daughter, Erika (Jason) Freund; her
9 son, Brian (Patricia) Hunt; her grandchildren, Britny, Andrea,
10 Zoe, Dylan Jo, Paxtyn, and Layne; her great-granddaughter,
11 Aleksia; her sisters, Karen (Steven) Reed and Karla (Tim)
12 Brikowski; her half-sister, Bobbie Jeanne (Jeremiah) Weber;
13 several nieces and nephews; and her feline friends, especially
14 Rollie Pollie; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Jean V. "Tootsie" Hunt-Christ, and extend our sincere
18 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
19 her; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Jean Hunt-Christ as an expression of
22 our deepest sympathy.